THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) No comprehensive survey covering entire Delhi has been conducted by the Directorate of Social Welfare, Delhi. However, a survey conducted by the Department of Social Welfare, Delhi Administration in 1988 in Slum and resettlement areas in Delhi revealed that there were 2608 drug addicts.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government is providing financial assistance to voluntary organisation for founding Counselling, De-addiction and After Care Centres as also for awareness building programmes. Electrinic and print media is also being used for awareness building.

Ministerial level talks between India and Bangladesh on sharing of river waters

@@*176. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA: SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the outcome of the Ministrial level talks held between India and Bangladesh in Delhi in April, 1992 regarding the sharing of river waters between the two countries;

(b) whether any progress has been made towards resolving the disputes between the two countries;

(c) what subjects were discussed; and

(d) whether any furhter round of talks will be held; if so, when

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYA CHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c) The Minister for Agriculture, Irrigation, Flood Control and Water Development, Bangladesh held discussions with Minister of Water Resources, India on 21st and 22nd April, 1992. The Indian side suggested for sharing of river waters on a comprehensive basis in an integrated manner for consideration by Bangladesh.

(d) The next round of talks will be held on dates convenient to the two countries.

@@Previously Starred Question 96, transferred from the 4th May, 1992.

Implementation of Metro Plan in Delhi

*177. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item captioned "Delhi Metro Plan in doldrums" which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated the 26th April, 1992;

(b) whether there is continuous increase in traffic in the Capital; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to implement the Delhi's Metro Plan?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) To release congestion on Delhi roads, Delhi Administration got a techno-economic feasibility study conducted from M/s Rail India Technical and Economic Services Ltd. (RITES). The study has recommended introduction of the an integrated multi-mode rapid transit system coverng a total distance of 184.5 Kms. including underground metro corridors for a distance of 27 Kms. at an estimated cost of Rs. 5377 crores at 1989 price level. The project of this magnitude involves legal, financial and land use implications.

A High Powered Committee under the Chairmanship of Lt. Governor of Delhi has been constituted to go into various aspects including setting up of a single Transport Authority as also identifications of funds for the construction of projects.

The government is also exploring the possibilty of funding the project on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) Basis.

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